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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 PROVIDING FOR VETERINARY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
1 5 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 9 Section 1. Section 163.3, Code 2005, is amended to read as
1 10 follows:

1 11 163.3 VETERINARY ASSISTANTS.

1 12 The ~~department secretary or the secretary's designee~~ may
1 13 appoint one or more ~~licensed~~ veterinarians licensed pursuant
1 14 to chapter 169 in each county as assistant veterinarians. ~~It~~
1 15 The secretary may also appoint such special assistants as may
1 16 be necessary in cases of emergency, including as provided in
1 17 section 163.3A.

1 18 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 163.3A VETERINARY EMERGENCY
1 19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE.

1 20 1. The department may provide veterinary emergency
1 21 preparedness and response services necessary to prevent or
1 22 control a serious threat to the public health, public safety,
1 23 or the state's economy caused by the transmission of disease
1 24 among livestock as defined in section 717.1 or agricultural
1 25 animals as defined in section 717A.1. The services may
1 26 include measures necessary to ensure that that all such
1 27 animals carrying disease are properly identified, segregated,
1 28 treated, or destroyed as provided in this Code.

1 29 2. The services shall be performed under the direction of
1 30 the department and may be part of measures authorized by the
1 31 governor under a declaration or proclamation issued pursuant
1 32 to chapter 29C. In such case, the department shall cooperate
1 33 with the Iowa department of public health under chapter 135;
1 34 and the department of public defense, homeland security and
1 35 emergency management division; and local emergency management
2 1 agencies as provided in chapter 29C.

2 2 3. The secretary or the secretary's designee shall appoint
2 3 veterinarians licensed pursuant to chapter 169 or persons in
2 4 related professions or occupations who are qualified, as
2 5 determined by the secretary, to serve on a voluntary basis as
2 6 members of one or more veterinary emergency response teams.
2 7 The secretary shall provide for the registration of persons as
2 8 part of the appointment process. The secretary may cooperate
2 9 with the Iowa board of veterinary medicine in implementing
2 10 this section.

2 11 4. a. A registered member of an emergency response team
2 12 who acts under the authority of the secretary shall be
2 13 considered an employee of the state for purposes of defending
2 14 a claim on account of damage to or loss of property or on
2 15 account of personal injury or death under chapter 669. The
2 16 registered member shall be afforded protection under section
2 17 669.21. The registered member shall also be considered an
2 18 employee of the state for purposes of disability, workers'
2 19 compensation, and death benefits under chapter 85.

2 20 b. The department shall provide and update a list of the
2 21 registered members of each emergency response team, including
2 22 the members' names and identifying information, to the
2 23 department of administrative services. Upon notification of a
2 24 compensable loss suffered by a registered member, the
2 25 department of administrative services shall seek funding from
2 26 the executive council for those costs associated with covered
2 27 benefits.

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2 32 JOHN P. KIBBIE
2 33 President of the Senate
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3 2 CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
3 3 Speaker of the House

3 4 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
3 5 is known as Senate File 201, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2005

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor